City of Seattle CONTRACT FOR

This Contract is made effective January 12, 2009 (the "Effective Date"), and entered into by and between the City of Seattle ("Seattle"), a Washington municipal corporation; and Retail Lockbox ("Contractor"), a **corporation** of the State of Washington, and authorized to do business in the State of Washington.

Contractor Business	Retail Lockbox, Inc.
Name of Representative	Craig Dawson
Contractor Address	221 Minor Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109
Contractor Phone	(206) 624-2871
Contractor Fax	(206) 624-2872
Contractor E-mail	craig@retaillockbox.com

WHEREAS, the purpose of this contract is to provide Microfilming/Scanning/Indexing and Webhosting services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor was selected as a result of a Request for Proposal process initiated November 10, 2008 as required by SMC since costs are anticipated to exceed \$42,000 in value; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are authorized through City of Seattle annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants, and performance of the scope of work contained herein, as attached and made a part hereof, Seattle and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

 Entire Agreement: This Contract, including all attachments, amendments and subsequently issued change notices, comprises the entire agreement between Seattle and the Contractor. The Request for Proposal ("RFP"), Addenda, and Contractor's Proposal are explicitly included as Attachments. Where there are conflicts between these documents, the controlling document will first be this Contract as amended, then the Contractor's proposal, the RFP and Addenda.

2. Term of Contract.

This contract shall be for five (5) years, with one (1) extension allowed for two-years. Such extensions shall be automatic, and shall go into effect with or without written confirmation from the City to the Contractor, unless the City provides the Contractor advance notice of the intention to not renew. Such notice shall be given prior to the otherwise automatic renewal date.

3. Time of Beginning and Completion

Contractor shall begin the work stated in the "Scope of Work" ("work") section upon receipt of written notice to proceed from Seattle. Time limits established pursuant to this Contract shall not be extended because of delays for which Contractor is responsible, but may be extended by Seattle, in writing, for its convenience or for conditions beyond Contractor's control.

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4. Scope of Work.

Contractor shall provide the following products and/or services as specified in Attachment 1. These services shall be termed "work" herein.

5. Payment/Payment Procedures.

Seattle agrees to compensate as specified herein or attached, in consideration of acceptable Contractor performance. Payment shall only be made for services performed and/or product delivered, after receipt, review and authorization by the City. Such payment shall be paid according to early payment discount terms, or if no early payment discount is offered, thirty (30) days after the City's receipt and acceptance of the goods or completion and acceptance of the services. Payment periods will be computed from either the date of delivery an acceptance of all goods ordered, the acceptance by the City of completion of all services, or the date of receipt of a correct invoice, whichever date is later. This section is not intended to restrict partial payments that are specified in the contract. All dollars referenced in this Contract and attachments are US Dollars.

6. <u>Invoices.</u>

Invoices must show a breakdown of services or products provided and price for each. Invoices must specify the Name and Phone Number of the City employee that placed the order.

7. Taxes, Fees and Licenses.

- A. Fees and Licenses: Contractor shall pay for and maintain in a current status, any license fees, assessments, permit charges, etc., which are necessary for contract performance. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to monitor and determine any changes or the enactment of any subsequent requirements for said fees, assessments, or charges and to immediately comply with said changes during the entire term of this Contract. Contractor must pay all custom duties, brokerage or import fees where applicable as part of the contract price. Contractor shall take all necessary actions to ensure that materials or equipment purchased are expedited through customs.
- B. Taxes: Where required by state statute, ordinance or regulation, Contractor shall pay for and maintain in current status all taxes that are necessary for contract performance. Unless otherwise indicated, Seattle agrees to pay State of Washington sales or use taxes on all applicable consumer services and materials purchased. No charge by the Contractor shall be made for federal excise taxes and Seattle agrees to furnish Contractor with an exemption certificate where appropriate.
- C. Withholding payment for taxes/business license fees due the City of Seattle: Seattle Municipal Code 5.45.060 specifies that the Contractor will have taxes or fees paid in full for Seattle Business License requirements, before receiving any warrant or the final payment for performing within any contract for the City. The Director of the Department of Executive Administration may withhold payment due a City contractor pending satisfactory resolution of unpaid taxes and fees due the City under title 5.45.060.
- D. Supplier is to calculate and enter the appropriate Washington State and local sales tax on the invoice. Tax is to be computed on new items after deduction of any trade-in, in accordance with WAC 458-20-247.

8. Pricing.

Pricing shall be prepared with the following terms.

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Requests for Rate Increases must be delivered to the City Purchasing Buyer in accordance to the rules below. No other employee may accept a rate increase request on behalf of the City. Any invoice that is sent to the City with pricing above that specified by the City in writing within this Contract or specified within an official written change issued by City Purchasing to this contract, shall be invalid. Payment of an erroneous invoice does not constitute acceptance of the erroneous pricing, and the City would seek reimbursement of the overpayment or would withhold such overpayment from future invoices.

- Hourly rates or Service Pricing: For multi-year contracts that provide services. Original
 pricing shall be fixed and firm for the first two years of the contract. Rate increases are at the
 discretion of the Buyer; and must also be:
 - a. The direct result of increases to wage rates that do not exceed the CPI Index or other appropriate service rate index agreed upon between the Buyer and the Vendor.
 - b. Incurred after contract commencement date.
 - c. Not produce a higher profit margin than that on the original contract.
 - Clearly identify the service titles and the hours of service performed if specified within the contract.
 - Be filed with Buyer (RFP Coordinator) a minimum of 90 calendar days before the effective date of proposed increase.
 - f. Be accompanied by detailed documentation acceptable to the Buyer (RFP Coordinator) sufficient to warrant the increase.
 - g. The United States published indices such as the Producer Price Index or other government data may be referenced to help substantiate the Vendor's documentation. A link to the PPI Commodity Data is available at http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=wp.
 - The Adjustment (if any) shall remain firm and fixed for at least 365 days after the effective date of the adjustment.
 - i. Should not deviate from the original contract pricing scheme/methodology

Cost Reductions.

Any cost reductions to the Vendor, such as rebates or "specials", shall be reflected in a reduction of the contract price effective immediately. Seattle will not be bound by prices contained in an invoice that are higher than those in the contract. Unless the higher price has been accepted by the City and the contract amended, the invoice may be rejected and returned to the Vendor for corrections.

10. Invoicing

The Vendor is required to provide a method for tracking the cost of the item to the City, with the City discount calculation displayed so that pricing discounts can be easily tracked and verified by the City with each invoice. Each invoice to the City shall specify the "Manufacturers Current List Price," the discount rate that the City receives, and the final net cost to the City.

11. Delivery – Idling Prohibited.

Vehicles and/or diesel fuel trucks shall not idle at the time and location of the delivery to the City for more than five minutes. The City requires vendors to utilize practices that reduce fuel consumption and emission discharge, including turning off trucks and vehicles during delivery of products to the City. Exceptions to this requirement include when a vehicle is making deliveries and associated power is necessary; when the engine is used to provide power in another device, and if required for proper warm-up and cool-down of the engine. Specific examples include "bucket" trucks that allow a worker to reach wires on telephone poles or tree branches for trimming; and vehicles with a lift on the

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back of a truck to move products in and out of the truck. The City of Seattle has a commitment to reduction of unnecessary fuel emissions. The City intends to improve air quality by reducing unnecessary air pollution from idling vehicles. Limiting car and truck idling supports cleaner air, healthier work environments, the efficient use of city resources, the public's enjoyment of City properties and programs, conservation of natural resources, and good stewardship practices.

12. Delivery.

Except when instructed otherwise, delivery must be made during normal work hours and within timeframes proposed by Contractor herein and as accepted by Seattle. Failure to comply may subject Contractor to non-delivery assessment charges and/or damages as appropriate. Seattle reserves the right to refuse shipment when delivered before or after normal working hours. Contractor shall verify specific working hours of offices and so instruct carrier(s) to deliver accordingly. The acceptance by Seattle of late performance without objection or reservation shall not waive the right of Seattle to claim damages for such breach, nor preclude Seattle from pursuing any other remedy provided herein, including termination, nor constitute a waiver of the requirements for the timely performance of any obligation remaining to be performed by Contractor. All deliveries are to be made to the applicable delivery location in accordance with Interstate Commerce Commission rules or as indicated in Purchase Order. When applicable, Contractor shall take necessary actions to safeguard items during inclement weather.

13. Identification.

All invoices, packing slips, packages, instruction manuals, correspondence, shipping notices, shipping containers, and other written documents affecting this contract shall be identified by the applicable purchase order number. Packing lists shall be enclosed with each shipment, indicating the contents therein.

14. Charges for handling.

No charges will be allowed for handling that includes but is not limited to packing, wrapping, bags, containers, or reels, unless otherwise stated herein.

15. Contract Notices

The City of Seattle agent for Contract changes shall be the City of Seattle Buyer named below, hereinafter referred to as "Buyer." Contract notices such as change requests, shall be delivered to the Buyer at the following addresses (or such other address as either party may designate in writing):

If delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, it must be addressed to:

Carmalinda Vargas-Thompson City of Seattle Purchasing and Contracting Services PO Box 94687 Seattle, WA 98124-4687

If delivered by other than the U.S. Postal Service, it must be addressed to:

Carmalinda Vargas-Thompson
City of Seattle Purchasing and Contracting Services
Seattle Municipal Tower
700 5th Ave., #4112
Seattle, WA 98104-5042

Phone:206-615-1123 Fax: 206-233-5155

E-Mail: Carmalinda.vargas@seattle.gov

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Deliverable Materials is subject to orders placed by CITY DEPARTMENTS and Invoice delivery is subject to the appropriate City of Seattle Department Accounts Payable.

16. Representations.

Contractor represents and warrants that it has the requisite training, skill and experience necessary to provide Work and is appropriately accredited and licensed by all applicable agencies and governmental entities.

17. Warranties.

Contractor warrants that all materials, equipment, and/or services provided under this Contract shall be fit for the purpose(s) for which intended, for merchantability, are properly package, proper instructions and warnings are supplied, that all goods comply with applicable safety and health standards, that an MSDS Sheet is supplied as required by law, and that products or services conform to the requirements and specifications herein. Acceptance of any service and inspection incidental thereto by Seattle shall not alter or affect the obligations of the Contractor or the rights of Seattle.

The Vendor shall warrant all materials and workmanship delivered under any resulting contract to be free from defects, damage or failure for any reason whatsoever which the City may reasonably determine is the responsibility of the Vendor, for a minimum of ninety (90) days after the date of final acceptance and without cost to the City for labor, materials, parts, installation or any other costs except where longer periods of warranty of guarantees are specified.

18. Independent Contractor.

It is the intention and understanding of the Parties that Contractor shall be an independent contractor and that Seattle shall be neither liable for nor obligated to pay sick leave, vacation pay or any other benefit of employment, nor to pay any social security or other tax that may arise as an incident of employment. The Contractor shall pay all income and other taxes as due. Industrial or other insurance that is purchased for the benefit of the Contractor shall not be deemed to convert this Contract to an employment contract. It is recognized that Contractor may or will be performing work during the term for other parties and that Seattle is not the exclusive user of the services that Contractor provides.

19. Inspection.

The Work shall be subject, at all times, to inspection by and with approval of Seattle, but the making (or failure or delay in making) such inspection or approval shall not relieve Contractor of responsibility for performance of the Work in accordance with this Contract, notwithstanding Seattle's knowledge of defective or noncomplying performance, its substantiality or the ease of its discovery. Contractor shall provide sufficient, safe, and proper facilities and equipment for such inspection and free access to such facilities.

20. Title, Risk of Loss, Freight, Overages or Underages.

Title of goods received under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until they are delivered to the address specified, at which time title passes to Seattle. Regardless of FOB point, Contractor agrees to bear all risks of loss, injury, or destruction of goods and materials ordered herein which occur prior to delivery and acceptance. Such loss, injury, or destruction shall not release Contractor from any obligations under. Prices include freight prepaid and allowed. Contractor assumes the risk of every increase, and receives the benefit of every decrease, in delivery rates and charges. Shipments shall correspond with the Contract; any unauthorized advance or excess shipment is returnable at Contractor's expense.

21. Performance.

Acceptance by Seattle of unsatisfactory performance with or without objection or reservation shall not waive the right to claim damage for breach, or terminate the contract, nor constitute a waiver of requirements for satisfactory performance of any obligation remaining to be performed by Contractor.

22. Affirmative Efforts for Utilization of Women and Minority Subcontracting and Employment, Non discrimination in providing services

- A. <u>Employment Actions</u>: Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, creed, age, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideology, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their creed, religion, race, age, color, sex, national origin, marital status, political ideology, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to employment, upgrading, promotion, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation and selection for training.
- B. In accordance with Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 20.42, Contractor shall actively solicit the employment and subcontracting of women and minority group members when necessary and commercially useful for purposes of fulfilling the scope of work required for this Contract. Contractors shall actively solicit subcontracting bids from subcontractors as needed to perform the work of this contract, from qualified, available and capable women and minority businesses. Contractors shall consider the grant of subcontracts to women and minority bidders on the basis of substantially equal proposes in the light most favorable to women and minority businesses. At the request of Seattle, Contractor shall promptly furnish evidence of the Contractor's compliance with these requirements.
- C. If upon investigation, the Director of Executive Administration finds probable cause to believe that the Contractor has failed to comply with the requirements of this Section, the Contractor shall notified in writing. The Director of Executive Administration shall give Contractor an opportunity to be heard, after ten calendar days' notice. If, after the Contractor's opportunity to be heard, the Director of Executive Administration still finds probable cause, s/he may suspend the Contract and/or withhold any funds due or to become due to the Contractor, pending compliance by the Contractor with the requirements of this Section.
- D. Any violation of the mandatory requirements of this Section, or a violation of Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.04 (Fair Employment Practices), Chapter 14.10 (Fair Contracting Practices), Chapter 20.45 (City Contracts Non-Discrimination in Benefits), or other local, state, or federal non-discrimination laws, shall be a material of contract for which the Contractor may be subject to damages and sanctions provided for by the Vendor Contract and by applicable law. In the event the Contractor is in violation of this Section shall be subject to debarment from City contracting activities in accordance with Seattle Municipal Code Section 20.70 (Debarment).

23. Equal Benefits.

Compliance with SMC Ch. 20.45: The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of SMC Ch. 20.45 and Equal Benefits Program Rules implementing such requirements, under which the Contractor is obligated to provide the same or equivalent benefits ("equal benefits") to its employees with domestic partners as the Contractor provides to its employees with spouses. At Seattle's request, the Contractor shall provide complete information and verification of the Contractor's compliance with SMC Ch. 20.45. Failure to cooperate with such a request shall constitute a material breach of this Contract. (For further information about SMC Ch. 20.45 and the Equal Benefits Program Rules call (206) 684-0430 or review information at http://cityofseattle.net/contract/equalbenefits/.)

Remedies for Violations of SMC Ch. 20.45: Any violation of this Section shall be a material breach of Contract for which the City may:

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- A. Require Contractor to pay actual damages for each day that the Contractor is in violation of SMC Ch. 20.45 during the term of the Contract; or
- B. Terminate the Contract: or
- Disqualify Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a City contract for a period of up to five (5) years; or
- Impose such other remedies as specifically provided for in SMC Ch. 20.45 and the Equal Benefits Program Rules promulgated thereunder.

24. Publicity.

No news release, advertisement, promotional material, tour, or demonstration related to Seattle's purchase or use of the Contractor's product or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall be produced, distributed, or take place, without the prior, specific written approval of the City's Project Manager or his/her designee.

25. Proprietary and Confidential Information

Contractor's Understanding and Obligations:

- 1. Contractor understands that any records (including but not limited to bid or proposal submittals, the Agreement, and any other contract materials) it submits to the City, or that are used by the City even if the Contractor possesses the records, are public records under Washington State law, RCW Chapter 42.56. Public records must be promptly disclosed upon request unless a statute exempts them from disclosure. The Contractor also understands that even if part of a record is exempt from disclosure, the rest of that record generally must be disclosed.
- 2. Contractor must separate and clearly mark as "proprietary" all records related to this Agreement or the performance of this Agreement that the Contractor believes are exempt from disclosure. The Contractor is familiar with potentially-applicable public-disclosure exemptions and the limits of those exemptions, and will mark as "proprietary" only information that the Contractor believes legitimately fits within an exemption and will state the statutory exception upon which it is relying.
- 3. If Seattle notifies the Contractor under Paragraph B 2 of a public disclosure request, and the Contractor believes records are exempt from disclosure, it is the Contractor's responsibility to make determination and pursue a lawsuit under RCW 42.56 to enjoin disclosure. The Contractor must obtain the injunction and serve it on the City before the close of business on the tenth business day after the City sent notification to the Contractor. It is the Contractor's discretionary decision whether to file the lawsuit.
- 4. If the Contractor does not timely obtain and serve an injunction, the Contractor is deemed to have authorized releasing the record.
- Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor must not take any action that would affect (a) the City's ability to use goods and services provided under this Agreement or (b) the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
- The Contractor will fully cooperate with the City in identifying and assembling records in case of any public disclosure request.

City's Obligations

- The City will disclose those parts of records the Contractor has marked as "proprietary" information only to authorized persons unless:
 - (a) the City receives a public disclosure request, in which case steps 2 and 3 below will be exercised before release of the information or

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(b) The Contractor has given the City express advance written permission to disclose the records. "Authorized persons" means those City officers, employees, contractors and consultants for whom the proprietary information is necessary to perform their duties or obligations to the City.

The term "proprietary information" does not include ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques related to any information that, at the time of disclosure, is in the public domain, unless the entry of that information into the public domain is a result of a breach of this Agreement.

- 2. If the City receives a public disclosure request for records that the Contractor has marked as "proprietary" information, the City may promptly notify the Contractor of the request. The City may postpone disclosing these records for ten business days after it has sent notification to the Contractor, in order to allow the Contractor to file a lawsuit under RCW 42.56 to enjoin disclosure. It is the Contractor's discretionary decision whether to file the lawsuit.
- If the City has notified the Contractor of a public disclosure request, and the Contractor has not obtained an injunction and served the City with that injunction by the close of business on the tenth business day after the City sent notice, the City will then disclose the record.
- 4. The City has no other obligations concerning records the Contractor has marked as "proprietary information" under this Agreement. The City has no obligation to claim any exemption from disclosure. The City is not obligated or liable to the Contractor for any records that the City releases in compliance with this Section or in compliance with the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

26. General Legal Requirements.

- A. <u>General Requirement</u>: Contractor, at no expense to Seattle, shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States and the State of Washington; the Charter and ordinances of Seattle; and rules, regulations, orders, and directives of their administrative agencies and the officers thereof. Without limiting the generality of this paragraph, the Contractor shall specifically comply with the following requirements of this section.
- B. <u>Licenses and Similar Authorizations</u>: Contractor, at no expense to Seattle, shall secure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Contract all required licenses, permits, and similar legal authorizations, and comply with all requirements thereof.
- C. <u>Taxes</u>: The Contractor shall pay, before delinquency, all taxes, import duties, levies, and assessments arising from its activities and undertakings under this Contract; taxes levied on its property, equipment and improvements; and taxes on the Contractor's interest in this Contract.

27. American with Disabilities Act.

Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) in performing its obligations under this Contract. In particular, if the Contractor is providing services, programs or activities to Seattle employees or members of the public as part of this Contract, the Contractor shall not deny participation or the benefits of such services, programs, or activities, to people with disabilities on the basis of such disability. Failure to comply with the provisions of the ADA shall be a material breach of, and grounds for the immediate termination of, this Contract.

28. OSHA/WISHA

Contractor agrees to comply with conditions of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Acts of 1970 (OSHA), as may be amended, and, if it has a workplace within the State of Washington, the

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Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act of 1973 (WISHA), as may be amended, and the standards and regulations issued thereunder and certifies that all items furnished and purchased under this order will conform to and comply with said standards and regulations. Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless purchaser from all damages assessed against purchaser as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with the acts and standards thereunder and for the failure of the items furnished under this order to so comply.

29. Indemnification.

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all claims, demands, damages, costs, actions and causes of actions, liabilities, fines, penalties, judgments, expenses and attorney fees, resulting from the injury or death of any person or the damage to or destruction of property, or the infringement of any patent, copyright, or trademark, or trade secret arising out of the work performed or goods provided under this Contract, or the Contractor's violation of any law, ordinance or regulation, contract provision or term, or condition of regulatory authorization or permit, except for damages resulting from the sole negligence of the City. As to the City of Seattle, the Contractor waives any immunity it may have under RCW Title 51 or any other Worker's Compensation statute. The parties acknowledge that this waiver has been negotiated by them, and that the contract price reflects this negotiation.

30. Insurance.

Contractor shall maintain at its own expense at all times during the term of this Contract the following insurance:

- MINIMUM COVERAGES AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY. Vendor shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain continuously, at its own expense, minimum insurance coverages and limits of liability as specified below:
 - A. Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance, including:
 - Premises/Operations
 - Products/Completed Operations
 - Personal/Advertising Injury
 - Contractual
 - Independent Contractors
 - Stop Gap/Employers Liability with minimum limits of liability of \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit bodily injury and property damage ("CSL"), except:
 - \$1,000,000 Personal/Advertising Injury
 - \$1,000,000 each accident/disease/employee Stop Gap/Employer's Liability
 - B. Automobile Liability insurance, including coverage for owned, non-owned, leased or hired vehicles with a minimum limit of liability of \$1,000,000 CSL.
 - C. Worker's Compensation for industrial injury to Vendor's employees in accordance with the provisions of Title 51 of the Revised Code of Washington.
- CITY AS ADDITIONAL INSURED. The City of Seattle shall be included as an additional insured under CGL and Automobile Liability insurance for primary and non-contributory limits of liability.
- NO LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. The limits of liability specified herein in subparagraph 1.A.
 are minimum limits of liability only and shall not be deemed to limit the liability of Vendor or
 any Vendor insurer except as respects the stated limit of liability of each policy. Where

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required to be an additional insured, the City of Seattle shall be so for the full limits of liability maintained by Vendor, whether such limits are primary, excess, contingent or otherwise.

- MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENT. All insurers must be rated A- VII or higher in the current A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and licensed to do business in the State of Washington unless coverage is issued as surplus lines by a Washington Surplus lines broker.
- SELF-INSURANCE. Any self-insured retention not fronted by an insurer must be disclosed. Any defense costs or claim payments falling within a self-insured retention shall be the responsibility of Vendor.
- 6. EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. Prior to performance of any scope of work under paragraph 5., Vendor shall provide certification of insurance acceptable to the City evidencing the minimum coverages and limits of liability and other requirements specified herein. Such certification must include a copy of the policy provision documenting that the City of Seattle is an additional insured for commercial general liability insurance on a primary and non-contributory basis. Certification should be issued to The City of Seattle, Risk Management Division, Seattle, WA and shall be delivered in electronic form either as an email attachment to riskmanagement@seattle.gov or faxed to (206) 470-1270.

31. Audit.

Upon request, Contractor shall permit Seattle, and any other governmental agency involved in the funding of the Work ("Agency"), to inspect and audit all pertinent books and records of Contractor, any subcontractor, or any other person or entity that performed work in connection with or related to the Work, at any and all times deemed necessary by Seattle or Agency, including up to six years after the final payment or release of withheld amounts has been made under this Contract. Such inspection and audit shall occur in King County, Washington or other such reasonable location as Seattle or Agency selects. The Contractor shall supply Seattle with, or shall permit Seattle to make, a copy of any books and records and any portion thereof. The Contractor shall ensure that such inspection, audit and copying right of Seattle and Agency is a condition of any subcontract, agreement or other arrangement under which any other person or entity is permitted to perform work under this Contract.

32. Contractual Relationship

The relationship of Contractor to Seattle by reason of this Contract shall be that of an independent contractor. This Contract does not authorize Contractor to act as the agent or legal representative of Seattle for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is not granted any express or implied right or authority to assume or create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of or in the name of Seattle or to bind Seattle in any manner or thing whatsoever.

33. Assignment and Subcontracting

Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any of its obligations under this Contract without Seattle's written consent, which may be granted or withheld in Seattle's sole discretion. Any subcontract made by Contractor shall incorporate by reference all the terms of this Contract except for Equal Benefit provisions. Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with the obligations and requirements of the subcontract, except for Equal Benefit provisions. Seattle's consent to any assignment or subcontract shall not release the Contractor from liability under this Contract, or from any obligation to be performed under this Contract, whether occurring before or after such consent, assignment, or subcontract.

34. Supervision and Coordination.

Contractor shall:

Competently and efficiently, supervise and direct the implementation and completion of all

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contract requirements specified herein.

- Designate in its bid or proposal to Seattle, a representative(s) with the authority to legally commit Contractor's firm. All communications given or received from the Contractor's representative shall be binding on the Contractor.
- Promote and offer to Purchasers only those materials, equipment and/or services as stated herein and allowed for by contractual requirements. Violation of this condition will be grounds for contract termination.

35. Involvement of Former City Employees

Contractor shall promptly notify Seattle in writing of any person who is expected to perform any of the Work and who, during the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the expected commencement date of such work or subcontract, was a City officer or employee. Contractor shall ensure that no Work or matter related to the Work is performed by any person (employee, subcontractor, or otherwise) who was a City officer or employee within the past twelve (12) months; and as such was officially involved in, participated in, or acted upon any matter related to the Work, or is otherwise prohibited from such performance by SMC 4.16.075.

36. Anti-Trust.

Seattle maintains that, in actual practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are borne by the purchaser. Therefore the Contractor hereby assigns to Seattle any and all claims for such overcharges except overcharges which result from antitrust violations commencing after the price is established under this contract and which are not passed on to Seattle under an escalation clause.

37. No Conflict of Interest.

Contractor confirms that Contractor does not have a business interest or a close family relationship with any City officer or employee who was, is, or will be involved in the Contractor selection, negotiation, drafting, signing, administration, or evaluating the Contractor's performance.

38. No Gifts or Gratuities.

Contractor shall not directly or indirectly offer gifts and resources to any person employed by the City that is intended, or may be reasonably intended, to benefit the Vendor by way of award, administration, or in any other way to influence purchasing decisions of the City. This includes but is not limited to, City Purchasing office employees and City employees that do business with, order, purchase or are part of decision-making for business, contract or purchase decisions. The Vendor shall not offer meals, gifts, gratuities, loans, trips, favors, bonuses, donations, special discounts, work, or anything of economic value to any such City employees. This does not prohibit distribution of promotional items that are less than \$25 when provided as part of routine business activity such as trade shows. Any violation of this provision may result in termination of this Contract. Nothing in this Contract prohibits donations to campaigns for election to City office, so long as the donation is disclosed as required by the election campaign disclosure laws of the City and of the State.

39. Errors & Omissions: Correction.

Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by or on the behalf of the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor, without additional compensation, shall correct or revise any errors or omissions in the designs, drawings, specifications, and/or other Contractor services immediately upon notification by Seattle. The obligation provided for in this section with respect to any acts or omissions during the term of this Contract shall survive any termination or expiration of this Contract and shall be in addition to all other obligations and liabilities of the Contractor.

40. Intellectual Property Rights.

Patents: Contractor hereby assigns to Seattle all rights in any invention, improvement, or discovery,

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together with all related information, including but not limited to, designs, specifications, data, patent rights and findings developed in connection with the performance of Contract or any subcontract hereunder. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor does not convey to Seattle, nor does Seattle obtain, any right to any document or material utilized by Contractor that was created or produced separate from this Contract or was preexisting material (not already owned by Seattle), provided that the Contractor has clearly identified in writing such material as preexisting prior to commencement of the Work. To the extent that preexisting materials are incorporated into the Work, the Contractor grants Seattle an irrevocable, non-exclusive, fully paid, royalty-free right and/or license to use, execute, reproduce, display, and transfer the preexisting material, but only as an inseparable part of the Work.

Copyrights: For materials and documents prepared by Contractor in connection with the Work, Contractor shall retain the copyright (including the right of reuse) whether or not the Work is completed. Contractor grants to Seattle a non-exclusive, irrevocable, unlimited, royalty-free license to use every document and all other materials prepared by the Contractor for Seattle under this Contract. If requested by Seattle, a copy of all drawing, prints, plans, field notes, reports, documents, files, input materials, output materials, the media upon which they are located (including cards, tapes, discs and other storage facilities), software programs or packages (including source code or codes, object codes, upgrades, revisions, modifications, and any related materials) and/or any other related documents or materials which are developed solely for, and paid for by, Seattle in connection with the performance of the Work, shall be promptly delivered to Seattle.

Seattle may make and retain copies of such documents for its information and reference in connection with their use on the project. The Contractor does not represent or warrant that such documents are suitable for reuse by Seattle, or others, on extensions of the project, or on any other project. Contractor represents and warrants that it has all necessary legal authority to make the assignments and grant the licenses required by this Section.

41. Interlocal Cooperation Act.

RCW 39.34 allows cooperative purchasing between public agencies, and other political subdivisions. SMC 20.60.100 also allows non profits to use these agreements. If a public agency files or has filed an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Seattle, those agencies are eligible to purchase from Contracts established by the City. Such agencies may ask City of Seattle Contractors to accept orders from the agency, citing the City of Seattle contract as the basis for the order. The Vendor may accept or decline such orders. If the Vendor accepts an order from another public agency using the City of Seattle contract as the basis, the Vendor agrees to sell additional items at the contract prices, terms and conditions. The City of Seattle accepts no responsibility for the payment of the purchase price by other governmental agencies.

42. Extra Work.

Extra work shall be defined to include additional products or services ordered in connection with this project other than that expressly provided for in the "Scope of Work" section of this Contract. Contractor shall not proceed with extra work unless authorized by a written amendment issued by the RFP Coordinator. Such extra work may be authorized by a Contractor proposal and a written acceptance from the City through a Change Order issued to the Contractor, or may be authorized by a Change Order signed by both parties, whichever the City Buyer requires. Any costs incurred due to the performance of extra work prior to execution of an amendment will not be reimbursed under this Contract or an amendment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the RFP Coordinator may make reasonable and immaterial changes to this Contract, including place of delivery, installation or inspection, the method of shipment or packing, labeling and identification, extension of the contract, and ancillary matters that Contractor may accommodate without substantial additional expense to Seattle.

43. Key Persons.

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Contractor shall not transfer or reassign any individual designated in this Contract as essential to the Work, without the express written consent of Seattle, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, during the term of this Contract, any such individual leaves the Contractor's employment, the Contractor shall present to Seattle one or more individual(s) with greater or equal qualifications as a replacement, subject to Seattle's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Seattle's approval or disapproval shall not be construed to release the Contractor from its obligations under this Contract.

44. Disputes.

The parties shall endeavor to resolve any dispute or misunderstanding that may arise under this Contract concerning Contractor's performance, if mutually agreed to be appropriate, through negotiations between the Contractor's Project Manager and Seattle's Project Manager, or if mutually agreed, referred to the City's named representative and the Contractor's senior executive(s). Either party may decline or discontinue such discussions and may then pursue other means to resolve such disputes including termination as allowed for within the contract, or may by mutual agreement pursue other dispute alternatives such as alternate dispute resolution processes. Nothing in this dispute process shall in any way mitigate the rights, if any, of either party to terminate the contract for cause or convenience.

Notwithstanding all above, if Seattle believes in good faith that some portion of Work has not been completed satisfactorily, Seattle may require Contractor to correct such work prior to Seattle payment. In such event, Seattle will provide to Contractor an explanation of the concern and the remedy that Seattle expects. Seattle may withhold from any payment that is otherwise due, an amount that Seattle in good faith finds to be under dispute, or if the Contractor does not provide a sufficient remedy, Seattle may retain the amount equal to the cost to Seattle for otherwise correcting or remedying the work not properly completed.

45. Termination.

- A. <u>For Cause</u>: Seattle may terminate this Contract if the Contractor is in material breach of any of the terms of this Contract, and such breach has not been corrected to Seattle's reasonable satisfaction in a timely manner.
- B. <u>For City's Convenience</u>: Seattle may terminate this Contract at any time, without cause and for any reason including Seattle's convenience, upon written notice to the Contractor.
- C. <u>Nonappropriation of Funds</u>: Seattle may terminate this Contract at any time without notice due to nonappropriation of funds, whether such funds are local, state or federal grants, and no such notice shall be required notwithstanding any notice requirements that may be agreed upon for other causes of termination.
- D. <u>Acts of Insolvency</u>: Seattle may terminate this Contract by written notice to Contractor if the Contractor becomes insolvent, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffers or permits the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets, becomes subject to any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law whether domestic or foreign, or is wound up or liquidated, voluntarily or otherwise.
- E. <u>Termination for Gratuities</u>: Seattle may terminate this Contract by written notice to Contractor if Seattle finds that any gratuity in the form of entertainment, a gift, or otherwise, was offered to or given by the Contractor or any agent therefor to any City official, officer or employee.
- F. <u>Notice</u>: Seattle is not required to provide advance notice of termination. Notwithstanding, the Buyer may issue a termination notice with an effective date later than the termination notice itself.

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In such case, the Contractor shall continue to provide products and services as required by the Buyer until the effective date provided in the termination notice.

G. Actions Upon Termination: In the event of termination not the fault of the Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for the services properly performed prior to the effective termination date that has been specified by the Buyer, together with any reimbursable expenses then due, but in no event shall such compensation exceed the maximum compensation to be paid under the Contract. Contractor agrees that this payment shall fully and adequately compensate Contractor and all subcontractors for all profits, costs, expenses, losses, liabilities, damages, taxes, and charges of any kind whatsoever (whether foreseen or unforeseen) attributable to the termination of this Contract. Upon termination for any reason, Contractor shall provide Seattle with the most current design documents, contract documents, writings and other product it has completed to the date of termination, along with copies of all project-related correspondence and similar items. Seattle shall have the same rights to use these materials as if termination had not occurred.

46. Force Majeure - Suspension and Termination.

This section applies in the event that either party is unable to perform the obligations of this contract because of a Force Majeure event as defined herein, to the extent that the Contract obligations must be suspended in full. A Force Majeure event is an event that prohibits performance and is beyond the control of the party. Such events may include natural or man-made disasters, or an action or decree of a superior governmental body, which prevents performance.

Force Majeure under this Section shall only apply in the event that performance is rendered not possible by either party or its agents. Should it be possible to provide partial performance that is acceptable to the City under Section #2 (Emergencies or Disasters), Section #2 below shall instead be in force.

Should either party suffer from a Force Majeure event and is unable to provide performance, such party shall give notice to the remaining party as soon as practical and shall do everything possible to resume performance.

Upon receipt of such notice, the party shall be excused from such performance as is affected by the Force Majeure Event for the period of such Event. If such Event affects the delivery date or warranty provisions of this Agreement, such date or warranty period shall automatically be extended for a period equal to the duration of such Event.

47. Major Emergencies or Disasters:

The City may undergo an emergency or disaster that may require the Contractor to either increase or decrease quantities from normal deliveries, or that may disrupt the Contractor's ability to provide normal performance. Such events may include, but are not limited to, a storm, high wind, earthquake, flood, hazardous material release, and transportation mishap, loss of any utility service, fire, terrorist activity or any combination of the above. In such events, the following shall apply.

- (a) The City shall notify the Contractor that the City is experiencing an emergency or disaster, and will request emergency and priority services from the Contractor.
- (b) The City may request that the Contractor provide either increased or decreased quantities from traditional orders, or may request Contractor provide additional products or services.
- (c) Upon such notice by the City, the Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to provide the City the materials in the quantities requested and within the schedule specified by the City, adhering to the conditions in this Section.
- (d) The City of Seattle shall be the customer of first priority for the Contractor, except where preceded by State or Federal government mandates. The Contractor shall provide its best and priority efforts to provide the requested goods and/or services to the City of Seattle in as complete and timely manner as possible. Such efforts by the Contractor are not to be diminished as a result of

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Contractor providing service to other customers, except as mandated by State or Federal governments.

- (e) If the Contractor is unable to respond in the time and/or quantities requested by the City, the Contractor shall promptly assist the City to the extent practicable, to gain access to alternative materials and/or services. This may include:
 - Coordinating with other distributors or subsidiaries beyond those in the local region to fulfill order requests;
 - Offering the City substitutions provided the Contractor obtains prior approval from the City for such substitution.

The Contractor shall charge the City the price determined in this Contract for the goods and services provided, and if no price has been determined, it shall charge the City a price that is normally charged for such goods and/or services (such as listed prices for items in stock). However, in the event that the City's request results in the Contractor incurring unavoidable additional costs and causes the Contractor to increase prices in order to obtain a fair rate of return, the Contractor shall charge the City a price not to exceed the cost/profit formula found in this Contract.

48. Debarment.

In accordance with SMC Ch. 20.70, the Director of Executive Administration or designee may debar a Vendor from entering into a Contract with the City or from acting as a subcontractor on any Contract with the City for up to five years after determining that any of the following reasons exist:

- Contractor has received overall performance evaluations of deficient, inadequate, or substandard performance on three or more City Contracts.
- Contractor failed to comply with City ordinances or Contract terms, including but not limited to, ordinance or Contract terms relating to small business utilization, discrimination, prevailing wage requirements, equal benefits, or apprentice utilization.
- Contractor abandoned, surrendered, or failed to complete or to perform work on or in connection with a City Contract.
- Contractor failed to comply with Contract provisions, including but not limited to quality of workmanship, timeliness of performance, and safety standards.
- Contractor submitted false or intentionally misleading documents, reports, invoices, or other statements to the City in connection with a Contract.
- Contractor colluded with another contractor to restrain competition.
- g. Contractor committed fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Contract for the City or any other government entity.
- h. Contractor failed to cooperate in a City debarment investigation.
- Contractor failed to comply with SMC 14.04, SMC Ch. 14.10, SMC Ch. 20.42, or SMC Ch. 20.45, or other local, State, or federal non-discrimination laws.

The Director may issue an Order of Debarment following the procedures specified in SMC 20.70.050. The rights and remedies of the City under these provisions are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

49. Recycle Products Requirements.

Whenever practicable, Contractor shall use reusable products, recyclable products and recycled-content products including recycled content paper on all documents submitted to the City.

Contractors are to duplex all materials that are prepared for the City under this Contract, whether such materials are printed or copied, except when impracticable to do so due to the nature of the product being produced. Contractors are to use 100% post consumer recycled content, chlorine-free paper in

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such products that are produced for the City, whenever practicable, and to use other paper-saving and recycling measures in business they conduct with and for the City. This directive is executed under the Mayor's Executive Order, issued February 13, 2005.

50. Workers Right to Know.

"Right to Know" legislation required the Department of Labor and Industries to establish a program to make employers and employees more aware of the hazardous substances in their work environment. WAC 296-62-054 requires among other things that all manufacturers/distributors of hazardous substances, including any of the items listed on this ITB, RFP or contract bid and subsequent award, must include with each delivery completed Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each hazardous material. Additionally, each container of hazardous material must be appropriately labeled with: the identity of the hazardous material, appropriate hazardous warnings, and the Name and Address of the chemical manufacturer, improper, or other responsible party.

Labor and Industries may levy appropriate fines against employers for noncompliance and agencies may withhold payment pending receipt of a legible copy of the MSDS. OSHA Form 20 is not acceptable in lieu of this requirement unless it is modified to include appropriate information relative to "carcinogenic ingredients: and "routes of entry" of the product(s) in question.

51. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- A. <u>Amendments</u>: No modification of this Contract shall be effective unless in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the City, except as otherwise authorized herein. The City shall issue change notices to Contractor, and such notices shall take effect under the signature of the City unless written objection of the notice is received by the Contractor upon Contractor receipt of the change notice.
- B. <u>Conflict</u>: In the event of conflict between contract documents and applicable laws, codes, ordinances or regulations, the most stringent or legally binding requirement shall govern and be considered a part of this contract to afford Seattle the maximum benefits.
- C. <u>Liens, Claims and Encumbrances</u>: All materials, equipment, or services shall be free of all liens, claims or encumbrances of any kind and if Seattle requests a formal release of same shall be delivered to Seattle.
- D. <u>Binding Contract</u>: This Contract shall not be binding until signed by both parties. The provisions, covenants and conditions in this Contract shall bind the parties, their legal heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.
- E. <u>Applicable Law/Venue</u>: This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. The venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Superior Court for King County, Washington
- F. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>: Rights under this Contract are cumulative and nonexclusive of any other remedy at law or in equity.
- G. <u>Captions</u>: All titles, including sections or subsections, are for convenience only and do not define or limit the contents.
- H. <u>Severability</u>: Any term or provision of this Contract found to be prohibited by law shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remainder of the Contract.
- Waiver: No covenant, term or condition or the breach thereof shall be deemed waived, except by written consent of the party against whom the waiver is claimed, and any waiver of the breach of

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any covenant, term or condition shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant, term or condition. Neither the acceptance by Seattle of any performance by the Contractor after the time the same shall have become due nor payment to the Contractor for any portion of the Work shall constitute a waiver by Seattle of the breach or default of any covenant, term or condition unless otherwise this is expressly agreed to by Seattle, in writing. The City's failure to insist on performance of any of the terms or conditions herein or to exercise any right or privilege or the City's waiver of any breach hereunder shall not thereafter waive any other term, condition, or privilege, whether of the same or similar type.

- J. Entire Contract: This document, along with any attachments and work orders, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Work. No verbal agreement or conversation between any officer, agent, associate or employee of Seattle and any officer, agency, employee or associate of the Contractor prior to the execution of this Contract shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained in this Contract.
- K. <u>Negotiated Contract</u>: The parties acknowledge that this is a negotiated Contract, that they have had the opportunity to have this Contract reviewed by their respective legal counsel, and that the terms and conditions of this Contract are not to be construed against any party on the basis of such party's draftsmanship thereof.
- L. <u>No personal liability</u>: No officer, agent or authorized employee of the City shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under this Contract, whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement or representation made herein or in any connection with this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in consideration of the terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein, or attached and incorporated and made a part hereof, the parties have executed this Contract by having their authorized representatives affix their signatures below.

Retail Lockbox, Inc.

By Caring Dawson
(Printed Name)

President
Title

City of Seattle

By Caring Signature

By Caring Signature

By Caring Signature

By Caring Signature

By Caring Seattle

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NANCY LOCKE, City Purchasing Manager

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